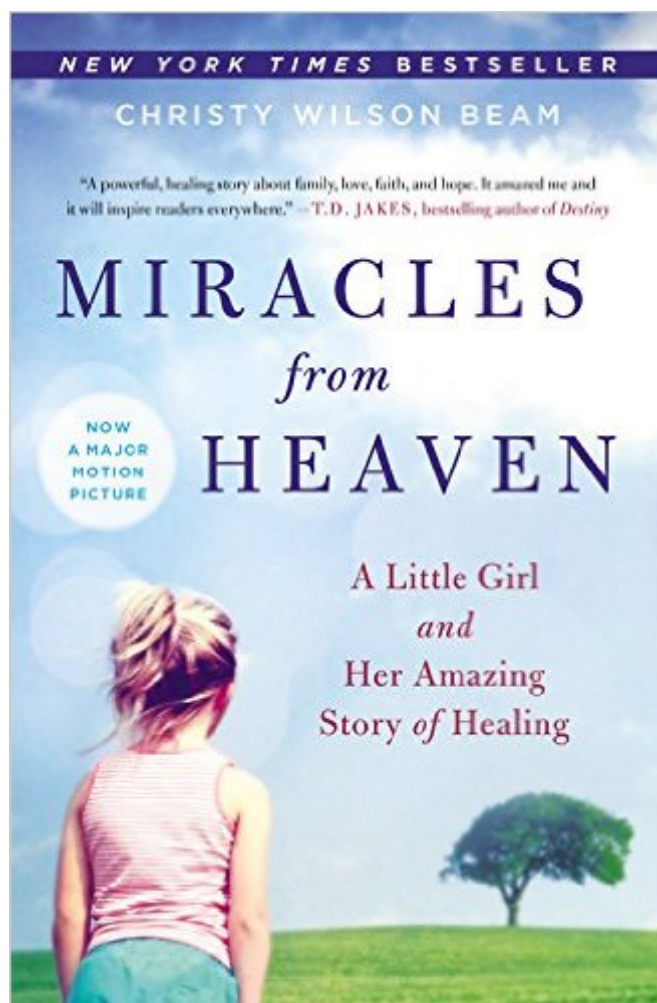


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Miracles From Heaven: A Little Girl And Her Amazing Story Of Healing



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Now a major motion picture from Sony, starring Jennifer Garner and Queen Latifah--Miracles from Heaven is the true story of one little girl, her journey to heaven, and an amazing story of healing. Annabel Beam spent most of her childhood in and out of hospitals with a rare and incurable digestive disorder that prevented her from living a normal, healthy life. One sunny day when she was able to go outside and play with her sisters, she fell three stories headfirst into an old, hollowed-out tree. Implausibly, she survived without a scratch. While unconscious inside the tree, with rescue workers struggling to get to her, she visited heaven. After being released from the hospital, she defied science and had inexplicably recovered from her chronic ailment. A remarkable family drama and uplifting, hope-filled memoir, Miracles from Heaven will change how we look at the world around us. Includes discussion guide.

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Customer Reviews

The hardest thing for any parent is watching your child suffer and knowing there isn't anything you can do to help. That is the life that Christy and Kevin Beam witnessed for years as their daughter Annabel was diagnosed with a devastating digestive disease for which there is no cure, and would likely claim her life in the very near future. So for them, they never knew when Annabel's final day would come, so they did what most parents would do, is to try and make the remainder of those days the very best they could be. Annabel's faith in God was always strong, despite the many tests, trials, medications, surgeries and lengthy hospitals stays she had to endure, she remained as strong as any child could. She held on to her faith in God. Being the middle daughter, her life was

challenging at best. Sitting back watching others enjoy food was a luxury Annabel couldn't afford. Just taking a bite of food could set her in the hospital for obstructions in her intestines, and as you know, people celebrate life with food as part of life. How hard for a child to watch people open their stockings filled with candy and have to hand it over to others to enjoy. But the Beams would never know how a seemingly innocent day turned into a nightmare and would forever change the outcome for Annabel's life. An aging cottonwood tree on their property with a gaping hole thirty feet up in the air would trap Annabel as she fell head first into the black hole while her sisters watched in horror. Had they not been present, who knows if anyone would have found her.

I like to begin book reviews by discussing the book's presentation, as I feel if the appearance of the book doesn't catch one's eye, it is likely to remain unread. *Miracles from Heaven* has a very attractive cover which clues the reader right away to the content of the story. The title and subtitle are eye-catching and clean as they seem to emerge from light, implying the spiritual experience of a miracle. The tree, photographed from the ground up, plays significantly in the heart of the story as the reader soon finds out. The book is a little over 200 pages on cream stock with a legible font size and adequate leading to make it easy readable for the eye. The author's voice (in this case, the little girl's mother) writes with eloquence as well as sensitivity. While she speaks of her faith, she does not dramatize it nor does she discount it. It is integral to the family's personal experience and is related with realistic dialogue of a believer's heart. For the most part, the family's story is related in enough detail to understand both the severity of the child's condition as well as the impending healing. The miracle is subtly described and almost downplayed, which was a bit disappointing until I thought more about the story. When I began reading *Miracles from Heaven*, I realized I had read half-way through the book before I took a break. Being a mother (and grandmother) myself, I found myself sympathizing with Christy's substantial emotional, financial and sacrificial investment in the care of Annabel's serious illness as well as the commitment of each family member to quality of life. In fact, Christy devotes the first half of the story to Annabel's care.

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